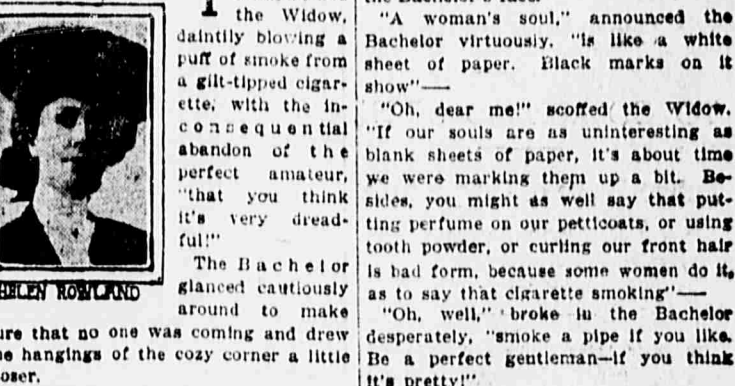


THE WIDOW
*She Learns the One Objection to
Women's Smoking—and Quits!*

By Helen Rowland.

"SUPPOSE," remarked

complexion, and its little white reputation, and its little white soul! Poof!" and she blew a ring of smoke right in the Bachelor's face.



Such Is Life.
 MANY are called, but few get up.

"I think it very—unattractive," he roared, with cold disapproval.


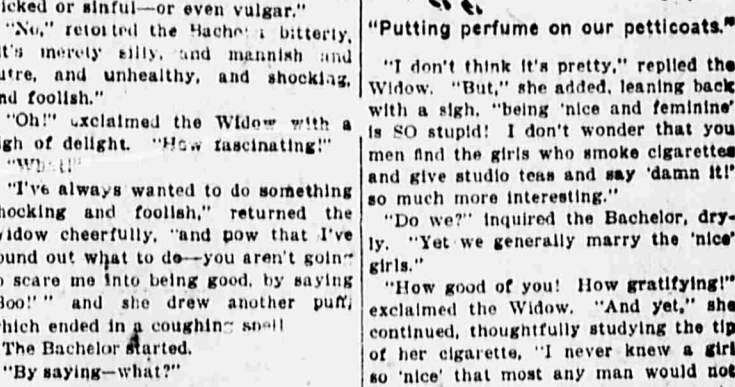
"And yet," sighed the Widow, "you admired Mrs. Vanderbilt and those club women for doing it."

"Pardon me," corrected the Bachelor, "I admired the frank WAY in which they did it. Besides I am not going to marry Mrs. Vanderbilt now!"

"I didn't know you were going to marry ME!" exclaimed the Widow in shock surprise.

"Didn't you?" The Bachelor looked astonished. "Then I must have neglected to tell you!"

"Besides," broke in the Widow hastily, "cigarette smoking isn't really



coax her to smoke a cigarette, or to kiss him, or to do something 'not nice, did you?"

The bachelor reddened and moved uneasily in his corner.

"Oh, well," he answered helplessly, "that's just to—see if she won't refuse, and we admire the girl who does refuse."

"And never call on her again," finished the Widow with a sniff, "while you immediately take the girl who doesn't refuse out to dinner. But that isn't the question! The question is, how do cigarettes affect a woman—how do they injure her? They don't make her silly like cocktails, nor make her hideous—cigarettes may make her old."

The Perfect Amateur.

"That 'tis unbecoming," explained the Widow, "or that it will make my nose red, or spoil my figure, or ruin my reputation. That's a little way you men have of frightening us off your preserves and retaining all the nice, enjoyable, comfy things for yourselves. Her reputation is the White Woman's Burden!" Every time we try to do anything interesting or exciting or up to date you have us away by crying, 'Naughty! Naughty!' It will spoil its little white

her wicked, nor!"

"No," cried the Bachelor desperately, "but they do something ten times worse than that!"

"Worse!" The Widow nearly dropped her cigarette.

"They do it in her hair!"—

"What?"

"And stain her fingers!"—

"Oh!"

"And make her UNKISSABLE!"

The Widow lunged down her cigarette and smothered her small heel upon it viciously.

"That," she exclaimed with a sigh of content, "is enough."

"And the Bachelor triumphantly as he rose and lit his pipe with the virtuous air of a man who has saved an erring soul.

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